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Appendix III.

[Vide answer to question No. 1263 asked by Mr. A. B. Shetty at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 1st February 1929, page 626 supra.]

Copy of Resolution from the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, No. 8181-*Rt., dated the* 12*th December* 1928.

Read—the following papers :—

I

Letter from the Collector of South Kanara, D. Dis. No. 9240/28, dated 4th November 1928.

Notifications requiring publication in villages are at present sent to village headmen with directions to publish them in their villages by beat of tom-tom. There have so far been no complaints of the inadequacy of such publication, though in some cases in the election of panchayat court members objections may have been received from unsuccessful candidates that the notifications were not properly published. I do not think that the practice in vogue requires any modification. The village talaiyaris are required to go on beat duty every day in order to detect crimes, etc., and to ascertain births and deaths occurring in the villages. There is thus no difficulty for the village headmen to get notifications published by sending them to literate villagers and getting their signatures. In fact, this is the procedure that is actually followed at present and I do not see any other effective way to publish them, especially as houses on the West Coast lie scattered and are not concentrated in gramanattam or village-site, as elsewhere.

II

Letter from the Collector of Malabar, L. Dis. No. 9815/28, dated 7th November 1928.

All my Divisional Officers report and I agree with them that in the peculiar conditions of this district tom-toming is the only sure means of carrying information to all the villagers. Beat of tom-tom on market days at market centres and distribution of copies among the principal inhabitants at different centres in a village will add to the effectiveness of publication.

2. Tom-toming would be more effective if some payment could be made for the services rendered. At present there seems to be nc general provision for incurring any expenditure in publishing notices. In England the town crier became obsolete when the people became sufficiently literate to read newspapers and handbills ; now broadcasting is taking its place. The same progress may be anticipated in India. Handbills and the cost of distributing them must of course be paid for by the party interested in getting the information broadcasted.

III

Letter from the Collector of the Nilgiris, L. Dis. No. 3361/28-A-1, dated 24th November 1928.

I consider that the present method of communicating information to villagers, i.e., by publishing notifications in village chavadis and by beat of tom-tom is amply sufficient for this district. I cannot think of any better method of ensuring publicity.

Resolution

Submitted to Government.

2. The Board considers that tom-toming is the best method under the existing conditions. In order to ensure that this is done in all the localities where there are houses the village menial may be directed to obtain in the notice—the contents of which he publishes by tom-tom—the signature of one or two principal residents of each locality in token of such publication.

G.O. Mis. No. 146, *Revenue, dated 22nd January* 1929.

The Government agree with the Board of Revenue in the view expressed in paragraph 2 of its reference read above. The Board is requested to issue the necessary instructions to the Collectors.

Appendix IV.

[Vide answer to question No. 1266 asked by Mr. D. Narayana Raju at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 1st February 1929, page 528 supra.]

Copy of letter from A. H. A. Todd, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of West Godavari, R.C. No. 2722-27, *dated* 26*th July* 1927.

[*Subject*.—Assessment—Plantain trees on the bunds of wet lands.]

The irrigation of plantains standing on the bunds of single crop wet lands is being charged in accordance with the rules given in Board's Standing Order No. 5-A/2 (ii). No charge is levied if they are not irrigated by percolation or other means.

2. There is nothing to show that Messrs. Campbell and Moore ever discountenanced this practice.

Appendix V.

[Vide answer to question No 1273 asked by the Zamindar of Gollapalli at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 1st February 1929, page 532 supra.]

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G.O. No. 117, Law (General), dated 12th January 1926.

The Government direct that applications for educational concessions on behalf of converts from the depressed classes to Christianity should be dealt with in the Department of Education and not by the Commissioner of Labour.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

V. T. Krishnama Achariyar,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Labour.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Law (Education) Department.

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